

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method for treating hypertension in a patient in need thereof, said
5 method comprising administering to said patient a first amount of lercanidipine and a
second amount of lisinopril, wherein said amounts in combination are effective to reduce
blood pressure in said patient by at least a predetermined increment; wherein each of said
first amount and said second amount administered individually is ineffective to produce a
reduction in blood pressure in said patient or said reduction in blood pressure is less than
10 said predetermined increment.
2. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said first amount is from
about 5 - 40 mg per day.
- 15 3. The method as defined in claim 2, wherein said first amount is from
about 10-20 mg per day.
4. The method as defined in claim 3, wherein said second amount is
from about 5-40 mg per day.
- 20 5. The method as defined in claim 4, wherein said second amount is
from about 5-20 mg per day.
6. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein (i) said first amount is
25 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 2.5 mg per day, (ii) said first amount is 2.5 mg
per day and said second amount is 5.0 mg per day, (iii) said first amount is 5 mg per day
and said second amount is 5 mg per day, (iv) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said
second amount is 10 mg per day, (v) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second
amount is 10 mg per day, (vi) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is

20 mg per day, or (vii) said first amount is 20 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day.

7. A method for treating hypertension in a nonresponder patient in need thereof, said method comprising administering to said patient a first amount of lercanidipine and a second amount of lisinopril, wherein said amounts in combination are effective to reduce blood pressure in said patient by at least a predetermined increment, wherein said patient has been previously determined to be a nonresponder to monotherapy with lercanidipine or a nonresponder to combination therapy involving a different combination of antihypertensive agents.

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8. The method as defined in claim 7, wherein said first amount is from about 5 - 40 mg per day.

9. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein said first amount is from about 10-20 mg per day.

10. The method as defined in claim 9, wherein said second amount is from about 5-40 mg per day.

11. The method as defined in claim 10, wherein said second amount is from about 5-20 mg per day.

12. The method as defined in claim 7, wherein (i) said first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 2.5 mg per day, (ii) said first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 5.0 mg per day, (iii) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 5 mg per day, (iv) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (v) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (vi) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day, or (vii) said first amount is 20 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day.

13. A method for treating hypertension in a partial responder patient in need thereof, said method comprising administering to said patient a first amount of lercanidipine and a second amount of lisinopril, wherein said amounts in combination are effective to reduce blood pressure in said patient by at least a predetermined increment, wherein each of said first amount and said second amount administered individually is ineffective to produce a reduction in blood pressure by said predetermined increment.

14. The method as defined in claim 13, wherein said first amount is from about 5 - 40 mg per day.

15. The method as defined in claim 13, wherein said first amount is from about 10-20 mg per day.

16. The method as defined in claim 15, wherein said second amount is from about 5-40 mg per day.

17. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said second amount is from about 5-20 mg per day.

18. The method as defined in claim 13, wherein (i) said first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 2.5 mg per day, (ii) said first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 5.0 mg per day, (iii) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 5 mg per day, (iv) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (v) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (vi) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day, or (vii) said first amount is 20 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day.

19. A method for treating hypertension in a patient in need thereof, wherein said patient has been previously determined to be responsive to at least one of lercanidipine monotherapy or lisinopril monotherapy but has ceased being adequately responsive thereto said method comprising administering to said patient a first amount of lercanidipine and a second amount of lisinopril in combination, wherein said first amount and said second amount are in combination effective to reduce said patient's blood pressure by at least a predetermined increment.

20. The method as defined in claim 19, wherein said first amount is from about 5 - 40 mg per day.

21. The method as defined in claim 20, wherein said first amount is from about 10-20 mg per day.

22. The method as defined in claim 21, wherein said second amount is from about 5-40 mg per day.

23. The method as defined in claim 22, wherein said second amount is from about 5-20 mg per day.

24. The method as defined in claim 19, wherein (i) said first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 2.5 mg per day, (ii) said first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 5.0 mg per day, (iii) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 5 mg per day, (iv) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (v) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (vi) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day, or (vii) said first amount is 20 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day.

25. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are administered to said patient in a single dosage form.

26. The method as defined in claim 7, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are administered to said patient in a single dosage form.

27. The method as defined in claim 13, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are administered to said patient in a single dosage form.

28. The method as defined in claim 19, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are administered to said patient in a single dosage form.

29. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are present in a composition.

30. The method as defined in claim 7, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are present in a composition.

31. The method as defined in claim 13, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are present in a composition.

32. The method as defined in claim 19, wherein said lisinopril and said lercanidipine are present in a composition.

33. A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of hypertension comprising a first amount of lercanidipine and a second amount of lisinopril, said first and second amounts in combination being effective to reduce blood pressure of a patient in need of treatment to within an acceptable value.

34. The composition of claim 33 wherein the first amount is within the range of 5-40 mg.

35. The composition of claim 33 wherein the second amount is within
5 the range of 5-40 mg.

36. The composition of claim 35 wherein the first amount is within the range of 10-20 mg.

10 37. The composition of claim 35 wherein the second amount is within the range of 5-20 mg.

38. The composition of claim 33 wherein the lercanidipine and lisinopril content of said composition is selected from the following pairs (i) through (vii): (i) said
15 first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 2.5 mg per day (ii) said first amount is 2.5 mg per day and said second amount is 5.0 mg per day (iii) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 5 mg per day, (iv) said first amount is 5 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (v) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said second amount is 10 mg per day, (vi) said first amount is 10 mg per day and said
20 second amount is 20 mg per day, or (vii) said first amount is 20 mg per day and said second amount is 20 mg per day.

39. A method for treating hypertension in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to said patient a sub-threshold amount of lercanidipine in
25 combination with a sub-threshold amount of lisinopril, wherein said combination is effective to reduce blood pressure in said patient by at least a predetermined increment.